document. It envisages a two-pronged strategy of (1) Development of rural areas by creation of better infrastructure, employment and income generating activities through schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Infrastructure Development (including technological back-up services) for Small Scale Industries in Rural/Backward areas (IID), and (2) Development of small and medium towns as growth centres to cater to the needs of rural/agriculture hinter lands under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT). These schemes (IRDP, JRY, ILD, IDSMT, etc.) are being implemented at present.

Pending applications for out-of-turn allotment on medical grounds

4988. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for out-of-turn allotment of houses on medical grounds and since when; and

(b) the reason for the delay in taking action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) 46 cases of allotment of quarter on medical grounds are under process. The earliest application was received on 23-6-91 and the applicant has been referred for 2nd medical opinion by Special Accommodation Committee.

(b) The applications for allotment of quarter is considered subject to the applicant satisfying the conditions prescribed for different diseases like Cancer, T.B., Heart Ailment and physical handicap. The authentication of medical certificate is done from concerned hospital before the request is put up to Special Accommodation Committee (SAC) which amongst other has specialists from medical Profession as its members. SAC while deciding the cases can also refer any case for 2nd medical opinion before deciding the same. Cases are being processed in line with the procedure mentioned above and there is no delay in taking action.

Projects under Mega City Scheme

4989. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what precise projects have so far been taken up in the metropolitan cities under the Mega City Srheme;

(b) what financial provisions have been made for each such project;

(c) whether no worthwhile implementation of any of the projects has so far taken place; and

(d) if so, what measures Government have taken to secure speedier implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Statement-I gives broad details of the projects included in the Mega City Scheme. (*See* below).

Statement-II indicates the 8th Plan outlay and Central assistance released during 93-94 and 94-95. (*See* below For 95-96, a budget provision of Rs. 84 crores has been made for the Mega City Scheme for release as Central assistance to the five cities. The financing pattern envisages sharing by Central Government (25%) and the balance 50 per cent through institutional financing. To ensure speedier implemmentation of the scheme, the following steps have been taken: